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SUBJECT: GOI WELCOMES REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL
COUNTRIES TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

REF: JAKARTA 7593

SUMMARY: SENIOR SPOKESMAN FOR GOI STATED THAT INDONESIA
WILL HENCEFORTH BE WILLING TO HOST INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCES ATTENDED BY COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT DOES NOT
HAVE BILATERAL RELATIONS, INCLUDING ISRAEL AND THE PRC.
HE CALLED THIS A "NEW POLCY" -- A SLIGHT EXAGGERATION.

END SUMMARY.

1. INFORMATION MINISTER (AND GOI SPOKESMAN) MASJURI
TOLD PRESS NOV 6 THAT INDONESIA IS WILLING TO HOST
CONFERENCES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDED BY
MEMBER COUNTRIES WITH WHICH INDONESIA DOES NOT HAVE
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DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. WHEN QUERIED BY REPORTERS,

MASJURI SAID THIS WOULD INCLUDE BOTH ISRAEL AND THE PRC. MASJURI POINTED OUT THAT THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION CONCERNED, AND NOT INDONESIA, WOULD ISSUE INVITATIONS; INDONESIA WOULD MERELY BE ACTING AS HOST FOR THE ORGANIZATION. MASJURI DESCRIBED THIS AS "A NEW POLICY."

2. COMMENT: DESPITE MASJURI'S CLAIM, POLICY IS NOT ENTIRELY NEW, SINCE HE HIMSELF ANNOUNCED LAST FEBRUARY THAT PRC WAS EXPECTED TO ATTEND UNESCO SPONSORED CONFERENCE OF CULTURAL MINISTERS TO BE HELD IN YOGYAKARTA IN DECEMBER. MALIK LATER TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT PRC DELEGATION WOULD PROBABLY BE SUFFICIENTLY SENIOR TO DISCUSS AUTHORITATIVELY MATTERS OF BILATERAL INTEREST (REFTEL. REGARDING ISRAEL, FOREIGN DEPARTMENT HAS PRIVATELY CONFIRMED THAT WHILE GOI WOULD NOT ISSUE VISAS TO ISRAELIS, THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE YOGYAKARTA CONFERENCE ON A UN "LAISSEZ PASSER." MASJURI SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THAT INDONESIA WILL SHORTLY BE HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION MEETING AND THE YEARLY MEETING OF THE ASIAN BROADCASTING UNION BUT DID NOT SAY WHETHER ISRAELIS OR CHINESE ARE EXPECTED AT EITHER OF THESE. HIS STATEMENT IS PROBABLY INTENDED AS ONE MORE CAUTIOUS SIGNAL THAT INDONESIA DESIRES EVENTUAL NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH PRC, PLUS A REAFFIRMATION OF INDONESIAN MODERATION RE MIDDLE EAST AT A TIME WHEN INDONESIA IS ABOUT TO JOIN THE PEACE-KEEPING EFFORT THERE. THE INDONESIANS ARE ALSO NO DOUBT INTERESTED IN ATTRACTING MORE INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS SIMPLY FOR PRESTIGE AND AS A STIMULUS TO TOURISM.
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